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Subject: Talking Points Submitted for AA Meetings (OCSPP, OLEM, OW)

Hi all,

As follow-up from our team meeting, below is what I submitted as talking points for Chad's meetings with the AAs of OCSPP, OLEM and OW. I do not have access to the final versions of the papers but they included talking points from MLAC, NA, OGAP and AEIO (so in some cases, they were quite long). I'll share any feedback I receive on whether the meetings actually happened and bore any outcomes. Thanks for your patience.

One-on-One Meeting with Alex Dunn, AA OCSPP
Notes for Chad McIntosh, AA OITA
June 7th, 2019

International Priorities

- I understand you are compiling an inventory of OCSPP's international activities so that you can prioritize and allocate staff resources. My staff and I would be very interested in having a conversation with you on this to ensure that our efforts are well-aligned and we're working together to meet Agency commitments.

China

- The U.S.-China Joint Committee on Environmental Cooperation (JCEC) scheduled to take place in Beijing on June 12 has been postponed due to the need for the Administrator to attend a Presidential event that week. The JCEC is a biennial ministerial meeting to report on accomplishments and make commitments for future cooperation.
- Chemicals management is one of the six annexes to our Memorandum of Understanding with China's Ministry of Ecology and Environment (MEE).
- Collaboration between EPA and China under the JCEC has enabled China to be increasingly effective in addressing its pollution challenges and to set and achieve many ambitious environmental improvement goals.
- These programs level the playing field for U.S. businesses, creating economic opportunities through international standardized environmental procedures; increase U.S. environmental technology exports to China; and enhance environmental protection and reduce potential impacts on U.S. citizens.
- The collaboration is formalized a Memorandum of Understanding, which outlines six key areas of cooperation: 1) improving air quality; 2) reducing water pollution; 3) **preventing exposure to chemicals and toxics**; 4) remediating soil, hazardous and solid waste; 5) improving environmental enforcement and compliance; and 6) enhancing environmental laws and institutions.
- Under Annex 3 of the MOU, EPA and MEE have committed to exchange expertise to improve and strengthen mechanisms and tools for management of chemicals and toxic substances and implementation of international conventions.
- The 2019 workplan on chemicals management includes:
 1. Mutually learning about the use of computational toxicology in China and the U.S. in chemicals-related decisions;
 2. Discussing approaches for managing chemicals in products and articles; and
 3. Discussing guidance on chemical risk assessment and relevant technical methods in the U.S. and China.

- Integrated mercury management is also a component of Annex 3. Input from OPPT on mercury-containing products would satisfy elements in the chemical management and mercury management objectives of the workplan.

Action: OCSPP engagement is needed to develop and implement activities under the chemicals annex and demonstrate progress on the workplan.

Europe

- The Administrator had a productive meeting with the European Union Director General in Brussels last month. Administrator Wheeler and DG Calleja exchanged a working arrangements cooperation document (attached) and agreed experts would schedule technical information exchanges in key areas such as chemicals, water and marine litter, air quality, animal testing, and resource efficiency/sustainable materials management.
- Specific to OCSPP, agreed to restart a joint Statement of Intent and update dialogues on chemicals. Where practical, the dialogues could be held by teleconference. They also discussed a possible relaunch of a workplan.
- EPA and DG Environment also agreed to review best practices on animal testing and to exchange information on methylene chloride approved uses.
- Regarding pesticides, Administrator Wheeler met with the DG for Health and Food Safety to discuss U.S. and EU pesticide policies, particularly the differences between hazard-based versus risk-based assessment programs; Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) and import tolerances; and the regulatory status of certain pesticides, including clothianidin, glyphosate, and chlorpyrifos.
 - EPA raised concerns with the hazard-based criteria used by the EU for pesticide assessments. DG SANTE officials responded that the EU evaluation program is generally risk-based, with the exception of narrowly defined hazard-criteria for certain categories: carcinogenic, mutagenic, and endocrine disruptors (EDs).
 - EPA and EU officials discussed the impact of media reporting on consumer confidence, recognized the value in continued dialog and EPA offered to host the next technical bilateral exchange later this year to follow up from the previous collaboration in Brussels in April.

Action:

- Given the Administrator's priority of newly enhanced cooperation with the EU, please confirm Karissa Kovner is the OCSPP lead to coordinate proposed follow-up activities.
- Program office review and input is needed next week on a draft EPA-DG Env list of activities which was developed as an outcome of the Administrator's meeting.

Taiwan

- U.S. EPA and EPA Taiwan have cooperated on chemicals management since 2017. PDAA Beck participated in the 2017 and 2018 International Chemicals Management Conferences in Taiwan to share information on TSCA updates and implementation, and how the U.S. prioritizes chemicals under TSCA.
- In 2018, OCSPP OPP Yu-ting Guilaran and Wynne Miller delivered technical trainings on pesticide management for non-agricultural uses and product labeling at a Pesticides Management Workshop in Taiwan.
- On March 6th, a delegation from EPA Taiwan's Toxic & Chemical Substances Bureau (TCSB) presented to AA Dunn, PDAA Beck, and DAA Bertrand an update on their progress since 2017 and proposals for two additional activities in 2019.

Action: Request OCSPP response on their availability to EPA Taiwan's proposed chemicals and pesticide trainings in 2019 - 2021. To continue our cooperation in 2020-2021, EPA Taiwan and OITA are working to draft language to add to our workplan under implementing arrangement-13.

One-on-One Meeting with Peter Wright, AA OLEM

Notes for Chad McIntosh, AA OITA

June 6, 2019

China

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- Waste management is one of the six annexes to our Memorandum of Understanding with China's Ministry of Ecology and Environment (MEE). OLEM actively supports implementation of the annex workplan and is coordinating with OITA to implement the activities outlined in the workplan.
- Up next, EPA (OITA, OLEM, Region 4) will host a delegation from the MEE Hazardous Waste Management Division, Solid Waste and Chemicals Management Center (SCC) for a study tour on U.S. hazardous waste policies and regulations in July 2019.

Europe

- The Administrator had a productive meeting with the European Union Director General in Brussels last month. Administrator Wheeler and DG Calleja exchanged a working arrangements cooperation document (attached) and agreed experts would schedule technical information exchanges in key areas such as chemicals, water and marine litter, air quality, animal testing, and resource efficiency/sustainable materials management.
- Specific to OLEM, they agreed to arrange a technical-level meeting on recycling and food waste after a November 2019 U.S. domestic summit on the issue.

Action:

- Given the Administrator's priority of newly enhanced cooperation with the EU, please identify a program office lead to coordinate proposed follow-up activities.
- Program office review and input is needed next week on a draft EPA-DG Env list of activities which was developed as an outcome of the Administrator's meeting.

One-on-One Meeting with David Ross, AA OW

Notes for Chad McIntosh, AA OITA

June 7, 2019

China

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- Water quality is one of six annexes to our Memorandum of Understanding with China's Ministry of Ecology and Environment (MEE).
- On May 7, OITA had a productive meeting with Ann Campbell to bring her up to speed on EPA's cooperation with China and the need to begin implementing the activities in the workplan.

Action: The OW lead for the China water annex has been vacant since Sasha left the Agency in December. Please appoint a new lead to coordinate with our Chinese counterparts and OITA to implement the activities outlined in the workplan.

Europe

- The Administrator had a productive meeting with the European Union Director General in Brussels last month. Administrator Wheeler and DG Calleja exchanged a working arrangements cooperation document (attached) and agreed experts would schedule technical information exchanges in key areas such as chemicals, water and marine litter, air quality, animal testing, and resource efficiency/sustainable materials management.
- Specific to OW, it was agreed to continue to exchange information on EPA's Water Infrastructure Financing and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program revolving fund and share information on recently updated draft lead and copper rules. The EU will share data on migration as it relates to access to water.
- Additionally, the Administrator and EU's Commissioner Vella agreed that marine plastics is an issue ripe for further collaboration. Administrator Wheeler noted that the United States, EU, and other entities fund many

pilot projects on marine litter in Asia and Latin America. Both agreed to conduct further investigation into successful pilots and identification of scalable actions or projects. Also, Commissioner Vella pointed to the annual Our Ocean Conference as a useful forum for such engagement, lauding the USG's role in the conference. Given this exchange, the Administrator is interested in EPA discussing with EU counterparts next steps in addressing marine plastics, particularly with respect to possible pilot project opportunities in Asia.

Action:

- Given the Administrator's priority of newly enhanced cooperation with the EU, please confirm OW's lead to coordinate proposed follow-up activities. Leading up to the Administrator's mission, OITA coordinated with Ann Campbell.
- Program office review and input is needed next week on a draft EPA-DG Env list of activities which was developed as an outcome of the Administrator's meeting.

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